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San Francisco

Oct 7th 1878.

My Dear Sir

I have made all
my preparations for leaving on the
20th of this month, contrary to the
hope & expectations I have had of finding
an agent in. I have found it necessary
to go myself. I would not leave
this side, at this time, without
thinking it of the first importance

I have somewhat vacillated on
this point in leaving before this
I have not determined whether I shall
go through Mexico or not, I can not
do so before arriving at Manzanillo,
or Acapulco. At which ports, some
definite intelligence can be had
whether I can get through - Our
last intelligence is, that the country is
in a very distressed state & implying
that persons would not get through -
If I find this the case, I shall

Of course, take the direct route to
either N. Orleans or N. York. I
am writing very late at night
& must refer you to the papers
from this side for local news -

Give my love to Sister Anna
& the U. S. A. -

Yours affectionately

Thomson

San Francisco

Oct 4th 1854

J.E. Colburn

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